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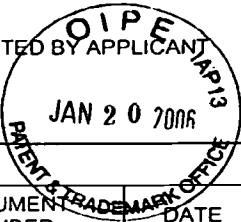
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#### STATEMENT OF RELEVANCY

- 1) References AA, AO-AQ have been cited in the International Search Report. A copy of these references is being submitted herewith.
- 2) References            have been cited in the corresponding            Search Report. A copy of these references is being submitted herewith.
- 3) Reference AW is discussed in the specification. A copy of this reference is being submitted herewith.
- 4) References            are additional prior art known to Applicant. A copy of these references is being submitted herewith.

AW: "Idea.com: 'Bellybutton Clean' sales page" (online) of COGIT Co.; HP division, COGIT Co.; URL <http://www.rakuten.co.jp/cogit/390263/452459/> on internet; searched on April 1, 2003

#### Bellybutton Clean

For removing bellybutton lint with our special swab and moisture cream without hurting the belly.

Our swab is a wet type impregnated with natural mint oil.

Having a round tip, our swab cleans the bellybutton without leaving bellybutton lint. Mint gives refreshed feeling.

As is individually wrapped, our swab is always kept in a sanitary condition free from drying. Both ends of the swab can be used.

After removing the bellybutton lint, please apply colorless and scentless aloc cream for preventing the bellybutton from drying.